

FISCAL NOTE
HB 2146 - SB 2161

April 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the "Tennessee Pregnant Women Support Act" which requires the Department of Health to develop an informational pamphlet for distribution to women about pregnancy services and develop a toll-free hotline for pregnancy assistance. Creates the "Tennessee Pregnant Women Support Fund." Requires health insurance companies to not treat pregnancy as a pre-existing condition.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$60,000

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-111): Such legislation would not result in a significant increase in the cost of health insurance premiums.

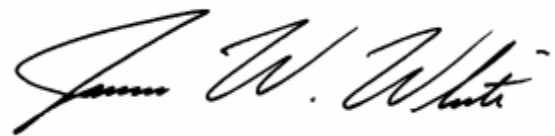
A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Department of Health has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will incur an increase in expenditures which is estimated to be \$10,000 for the development and distribution of the required pamphlet.
- It is unknown whether the Department of Health will establish the hotline in house or will decide to contract for those services. The increase in expenditures will likely exceed \$50,000.
- Pregnant women are a mandated group of service recipients through the TennCare program. It is estimated that women who are without health insurance will seek out the state Medicaid program for health care coverage.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director